

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2820 - HB 3127**

February 12, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires, in medical malpractice cases, that testimony regarding the standard of medical care in the community be confined to the recognizable standard of practice in the local community where the defendant practices or in a similar community. Directs that testimony regarding a regional or national standard of care is inadmissible.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, specifying the law applicable in malpractice cases will not affect the caseloads of the state trial and appellate courts.
- According to the Attorney General's Office, due to the state's limited exposure in medical malpractice cases, the low incident rate, and statutory limits on liability, the fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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